

BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL BRENT W. WRIGHT

Colonel Brent Wright is the Vice Commander of the 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa Air National Guard Base, Oklahoma. As the vice commander, he assists the wing commander in the organization, training and deployment of the second largest combat coded Air National Guard fighter wing, consisting of nearly 1200 Airmen. The wing is home to the multi-role F-16 Viper, assigned to the 125th Fighter Squadron, which flies more than 2600 sorties and 4000 hours per year. The wing also maintains Detachment 1 at Ellington Field, Texas, executing the Aerospace Control Alert mission. Col Wright assists the wing commander with providing the governor with personnel and equipment to meet state emergencies, national emergencies and on-going force requirements. He also serves as the Director of the Governor's Task Force to ensure a successful mission change to the F-35A Lightning II.

Colonel Wright was born in Enid, Oklahoma. He began his career in April 1989 as an Infantryman with the 45th Infantry Brigade. He received a direct commission into the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps. He transferred to the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corp and subsequently became a line officer. He served in many overseas peacetime and contingency deployments to include Operations JOINT FORGE, NORTHERN WATCH and IRAQI FREEDOM. Prior to his current position, he was the Commander of the 138th Mission Support Group.



Colonel Wright practiced law prior to fulltime employment with the Oklahoma National Guard. He also maintains a passive partnership in a registered investment advisor firm located in Tulsa, Okla.

EDUCATION

- 1989 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.
- 1992 Juris Doctorate, University of Tulsa School of Law, Tulsa, Okla.
- 1993 Judge Advocate Officers Basic Course, Charlottesville, Va.
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2009 SDE National Security Fellowship, JFK School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2015 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, NC
- 2015 Level IV Antiterrorism Executive Training, McLean, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. April 1989 March 1993, Infantryman, 45th Infantry Brigade (Enhanced), Tulsa, Okla.
- 2. March 1993 June 1997, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, and later, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 45th Infantry Brigade (Separate), Edmond, Okla.
- 3. June 1997-July 2008, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, later Staff Judge Advocate, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Okla. (March 1999-June 1999, International Lawyer, Organization for the Security and Cooperation of Europe, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) (February 2000-March 2000, Staff Judge Advocate, 125th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, 39th

Air and Space Expeditionary Wing, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey) (January 2001-February 2001, Staff Judge Advocate, 125th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, CENTAF) (July 2001-August 2001, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 39th Wing, Incirlik AB, Turkey) (October 2003 - March 2004, Staff Judge Advocate, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Joint Base, Iraq)

- 4. July 2008-June 2009, Student, National Security Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Mass.
- 5. June 2009-December 2009, Staff Judge Advocate, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa ANGB, Okla.
- 6. December 2009-August 2012, Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma Air National Guard, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 7. August 2012-February 2014, Commander, 138th Mission Support Group, Tulsa ANGB, Okla.
- 8. February 2014-October 2014, Commander, 138th Maintenance Group, Tulsa ANGB, Okla.
- 9. October 2014-September 2015, Commander, 138th Mission Support Group, Tulsa ANGB, Okla.
- 10. October 2015-present, Vice Commander, 138th Fighter Wing, Tulsa ANGB, Okla.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. September 2010 August 2012, Vice Chief of the Joint Staff (Air), Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma National Guard, Okla., as a GS-14
- 2. October 2013 October 2014, Chief of Staff (Air), Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma National Guard, Okla., as a GS-14

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Force Reserve Medal with two 'M' devices and hourglass

NATO Medal (Former Republic of Yugoslavia)

Air Assault Badge

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 Reginald C. Harmon Award, Outstanding Reserve Judge Advocate

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Cherokee Nation Citizen
Leadership Oklahoma
Military Officers Association of America
National Guard Association of the United States
Oklahoma Bar Association
Veterans of Foreign Wars

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant March 4, 1993 Captain March 24, 1994 Major June 15, 1998 Lieutenant Colonel June 15, 2002 Colonel August 10, 2010

(Current as of November 2017)